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Re: Request Number: <u>EOUSA-2019-003321</u>

Subject of Request: 50 Words in Emails of Chief of Staff and Executive Director (January

2018-Present)

Dear Emma Best:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA) request in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA). Your request has been assigned Tracking Number EOUSA-2019-003321. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence with this Office.

Your request seeks records from one or more field offices, and involves many voluminous records and/or requires consultation with another agency/component with a substantial interest in the subject-matter and therefore falls within "unusual circumstances" as set forth in the state. See 5 U.S.C.S § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Accordingly, we are extending the time limit to respond to our request for ten additional days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B))(i). In addition, this Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately 30 business days, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track.

Under FOIA and Department of Justice regulations you may be required to pay certain costs associated with processing your request, including, searching for, reviewing, and duplicating requested records. Consequently, you may potentially incur those costs, unless you have requested and been granted a waiver or reduction in fees. In most instances, the first 100 pages to duplicate and the first two hours to search for records responsive to your request, will be provided to you free of charge. If after making those allowances, we determine that the cost to process your request will amount to more than \$25.00, we will notify you in writing at a later date. Requests that are specific, concrete and of limited scope (in time and/or subject matter) generally enable us to respond to you more quickly and possibly assess less fees.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. The contact information for EOUSA is 175 N Street, NE, Suite 5.400, Washington, DC 20530; telephone at 202-252-6020; or facsimile 202-252-6048. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Kevin Krebs Assistant Director

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